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There were 23,000 words in William M. Evans's will. Mr. Evans was himself a great lawyer, and so was Samuel J. Tilden. Sometimes even a lawyer uses too many words and too much jargon to make his meaning plain; and it's a poor jockey who can't find the bars down somewhere in 23,000 words. In Tilden's case several panels of fence were missing in the half number of words.

With charming naïveté Aquinaldo completely punctured anti-imperialism in his statement to Chief Justice

Arrellano, who had just completed explaining to him the anti-imperialism policy of the United States in the Philippines. "I never believed," said Aquinaldo, "that the Americans would be so fair and liberal. Enough; I am satisfied with America."

The whole anti-imperialistic campaign has been built on ignorance and misrepresentation, says The Times- Star. Its chief advocate in the United States confessed when he launched it that he wanted an issue with which to deceive what he termed "the ignorant foreign born voters" in the hopes of reaching the Presidency. He knew the falsity of his pretensions and statements as well as any man. In his purpose he was aided by a set of dreamers, who fancied evil that might exist.

But with Aquinaldo it was different. His ambitions forced him into an antagonism of the United States. To what extent he was played upon by the representatives of foreign powers eager to have American authority withdraw from the Philippines in order that they might seize them will reveal. After the break with the United States he was in no position to learn with any degree of certainty the intents and purposes of this country. What information came to him was such as was tinted by the expressions of Bryan and the Boston coterie. He had no chance to know any better than that what was declared by one for political effect and by the other because of a peculiar state of mind were true—that he and the Filipinos were to be hitched to the chariot of Empire and paraded in triumph. It was not until his capture that he had an opportunity to learn the truth, and then he made the involuntary confession which fixes forever the blot of shame upon the Democracy and their Boston allies.

As we have suggested before, it is time for some of these so-called Americans to take the oath of allegiance to the United States and to stop maligning their country, aspersing its statesmen and slandering its soldiers.

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